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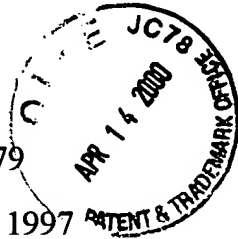
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Trimming Aluminum Sheet

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action dated January 19, 2000, and issued against the above identified patent application, please enter the following amendment to the claims.

IN THE CLAIMS

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1. (Twice Amended) A method of trimming aluminum sheet comprising:  
securing the aluminum sheet on a die adjacent a cutting blade at a cutting angle of at least about 10 degrees measured from a plane perpendicular to a cutting direction of the cutting blade and with a cutting blade clearance [while trimming] measured between the blade and the die; and  
trimming the aluminum sheet at the cutting angle and with the cutting blade clearance measured between the blade and the die to thereby produce a trimmed aluminum sheet with substantially no slivers.

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